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MINNESOTA'S MAY MILK OUTPUT UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

May 2012 milk production totaled 786 million pounds in Minnesota, unchanged from the 786 million pounds produced in May 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised April 2012 milk output was 770 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,690 pounds in May 2012, up 10 pounds from last May. The revised April 2012 rate was 1,655 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during May 2012 was 465,000 head, unchanged from the April 2012 number, but down 3,000 head from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first five months of 2012 was 3.86 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from the same period a year ago.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.1 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2011. April revised production, at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 2011. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,924 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 77,000 head more than May 2011, but 3,000 less than April 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the first five months of 2012 was 79.8 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	May 2011	Apr 2012 Rev.	May 2012	May 2011	Apr 2012 Rev.	May 2012	May 2011	Apr 2012 Rev.	May 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,767	1,785	1,783	2,080	2,035	2,100	3,675	3,632	3,744	101.9
ID	578	578	578	1,980	1,910	2,030	1,144	1,104	1,173	102.5
MN	468	465	465	1,680	1,655	1,690	786	770	786	100.0
NY	610	610	610	1,845	1,835	1,890	1,125	1,119	1,153	102.5
PA	543	538	536	1,730	1,690	1,715	939	909	919	97.9
WI	1,266	1,270	1,271	1,805	1,800	1,840	2,285	2,286	2,339	102.4
23 States	8,447	8,527	8,524	1,902	1,879	1,924	16,069	16,021	16,404	102.1

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